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The Cuban American National Council (CNC) is a non-profit organization providing human services to persons in need from all racial and ethnic groups for over 36 years. CNC assists individuals to become self reliant and builds bridges among America's diverse communities.

CNC is a pioneer and innovator in alternative education and child development, in neighborhood and community development, and in improving the financial knowledge and capacity for economic independence of individuals and families, with consistently successful programs in ▪ Alternative Education & Dropout Prevention through our Little Havana & Hialeah Institutes, which provide a comprehensive Sunshine State Standards curriculum leading to a regular high school diploma to Middle and High School Students. ▪ Youth Opportunity and Employment Preparation ▪ Gold Seal Accredited Early Childhood Development, Childcare, Parenting, and Family Planning ▪ Adult Training and Employment ▪ Refugee / New American Assistance and Health and Human Services Referrals ▪ Elderly and Low Moderate Income Housing Development & Management ▪ Economic Independence & Financial Literacy Training ▪ Leadership Development ▪ National Policy Conferences on Issues Impacting Hispanic Americans ▪ Latin American Studies Project with West Point ▪ Community & Economic Development. The Council has successfully administered grants, contracts, and research initiatives for programs funded by federal, state and local government, foundations, corporations, and philanthropists and managed projects of local, state, regional, and national significance.

Our organization has worked closely with staff from both WSCV and WTVJ through the years and has developed a wonderful relationship. We specifically do a lot of work with them through several initiatives. They support our two alternative schools with financial grants as well as with a variety of speakers, educational visits and opportunities for enhancing career paths for our students. We have visited the station and have had talent from different programs visit our schools. We specifically had a summer intervention program with High School kids where a meteorology course was

launched with the purpose of bringing awareness to the community on Hurricane preparation, tracking, evacuation routes, etc. A meteorologist from the station came out with a fully equipped “weather tracking vehicle” and gave a class on the different atmospheric changes that impact weather, how hurricanes are formed, weather patterns, precipitation and many other topics.

During the last two years, we have had the opportunity to participate numerous times in the public affairs programs of the stations to discuss a variety of topics including education, housing, childcare services, refugee employment services and housing opportunities for the low income elderly population.

Both stations have provided coverage for our local events and provided the MC for our High School graduation which was later covered in the news broadcasts.

The stations have always been receptive to our requests of coverage and public service time for special events and to address the community about topics of interest. We fully support these stations and commend their involvement with the community and the organizations providing these services.

Please feel to contact me with any questions or additional information needed.

Sincerely,

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